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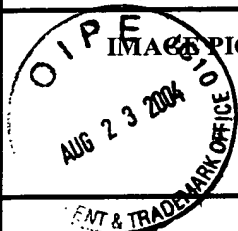


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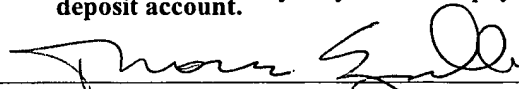
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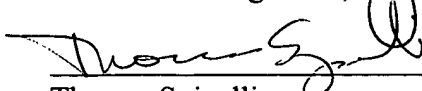
In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. European Patent No. EP 0 978 251 A1, dated February 9, 2000;
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 9-253040, dated September 30, 1997, together with English-language Abstract;

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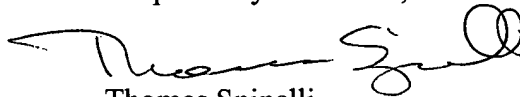

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3. United States Patent No. 5,040,069, issued to Matsumoto et al., dated August 13, 1991;
4. United States Patent No. 4,993,405, issued to Takamura et al., dated February 19, 1991; and
5. United States Patent No. 6,146,326, issued to Pollack et al., dated November 14, 2000.

The references were cited in a Search Report dated June 24, 2004, received from the European Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of references 1 and 2, together with a copy of the Search Report. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicant is not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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		EP 0 978 251 A1	2/9/2000	Europe				
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